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SUBJECT: GEORGIAN EMBASSY SEEKS DEMINING EQUIPMENT FROM CHINA

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

11. (C) In an August 29 meeting with PolOff, Georgian EmbOff Ioseb Abashidze said "we are pleased" with the Chinese position on the Russia-Georgia conflict as reflected in the final declaration of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit, particularly the statement in support of "territorial integrity." Abashidze reported that China recently quietly gave Georgia USD500,000 in humanitarian aid.

12. (C) Abashidze said that next week the Georgian Embassy plans to present the Chinese MFA a list of demining equipment that Georgia hopes China will agree to provide. (Note: It was unclear whether Georgia hopes China will provide the equipment as assistance or sell it.) Abashidze handed PolOff a copy of the list of demining equipment that Georgia seeks:

- 280 modern mine detectors
- 208 trencher protective suits (coverall)
- 20 mine detectors
- 100 engineering intelligence and demining packages
- 300 deminer tentacles
- 600 trenchers belts
- 600 trenchers protective shoes
- 3 "RST" type combined demining machines
- 3 "EOD" type combined demining machines
- 9 demining robots
- 3 site inspection tools (X-ray equipment)
- 10 "Pistrubtor" water pistols
- 208 "Stetho" 4020 mini phonendoscopes
- 100 electric detonators
- 100 capsular detonators
- 40 tons of C4
- 10 meters of detonation cable
- 15 meters of spittercord
- 100 blasting machine "mini rabs" remote blasts
- 100 "Shrek" detonators
- 100 "RED-100-A" timer mechanical detonators
- 100 "BRICH" remote detonators
- 600 "Laserman"
- 10 meters of trenchers cable
- 100 blasting machines (modern type)
- 30 vehicles for deminers' transportation
- 20 containers for the transportation of explosive materials
- 280 night vision tools
- 20 digital photocameras
- 20 laptops with satellite connection to the Internet
- 70 hand radio stations
- 10 spinal radio stations.

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